

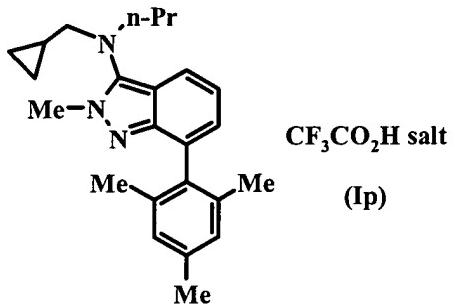
REMARKS

The Office Action has required restriction of the claims into two groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-45 and 48 drawn to products, classified in class 548, subclass 360.1+
- II. Claims 46 and 47 drawn to methods of use, classified in class 514, subclass 403+.

Applicants elect Group I without traverse. Claims 1-45 remain pending in the instant application. Claims 46 and 47 are amended herein to cancel non-elected subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to reinstate canceled subject matter in a subsequent divisional application. Claim 48 has been canceled to avoid overlap with indazoles disclosed in WO99/23077. A supplementary form 1449 has also been included.

The Office Action further requires under 35 U.S.C. §121 the election of a single disclosed species falling within the elected group. In compliance with the Office Action applicants elect compound **I-p** (TABLE 1, page 38). Claims 1-6, 18, 19, 21-22 and 45 read on the elected species.



CONCLUSION

An election of a group and species having been made, a search and examination of this application on its merits is earnestly solicited. Because the supplemental form 1449 is submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits of the application, no fee is believed to be required. Should a fee to due, Examiner is authorized to deduct the fee from deposit account 18-1700. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to expedite prosecution of this application.

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